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Tokyo, June 30, 1950.

In response to General Ho's questions, I said that these were matters which would, of necessity, have to be clarified in Washington and that for the moment I could only refer him to President Truman's statement. General Ho, saying that SCAP is in fact implementing the President's announcement and that he therefore was of the opinion that SCAP would be in a position to clarify the questions raised, I said that thought would, of course, be given to these matters both here and in Washington but that the final decision would necessarily be made by higher authority.

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SUBJECT: Conversation with Lieutenant General HO Shai-lai, Chief of the Chinese Mission in Japan.

PARTICIPANTS: Lieutenant General HO Shai-lai
Chief of Chinese Mission in Japan

Mr. William J. Sebald

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General HO called for the purpose of ascertaining whether it would be possible for me to clarify certain questions arising out of President TRUMAN's recent proclamation. The questions which he posed are the following:

1. In case of attack, or Chinese communist concentration for attack, against the Chinmen Islands, Machu Islands, Taichen Islands, and the islands in the vicinity of Hong Kong, what would be the attitude of the United States Naval forces in view of the fact that these islands are west of Formosa Strait?

2. Would it be possible to obtain some clarification regarding the attitude which the Nationalist Government should take regarding its guerrilla forces on the mainland?

Regarding the first question, General Ho said that the various islands were garrisoned by some 100,000 Chinese troops and that unless the Nationalist Government is in a position to assist them with naval and air forces in case of attack, the islands would fall into communist hands. He wondered, also, whether United States Naval forces would "protect" these islands in case of attack, basing their authority upon the President's recent statement.

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In response to General Ho's questions, I said that these were matters which would, of necessity, have to be clarified in Washington and that for the moment I could only refer him to President Truman's statement. General Ho rejoined by saying that SCAP is in fact implementing the President's announcement and that he therefore was of the opinion that SCAP would be in a position to clarify the questions raised. I said that thought would, of course, be given to these matters both here and in Washington but that the final decision and clarification would necessarily be made by higher authority.

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General Ho called for the purpose of ascertaining whether it was possible for me to clarify certain questions arising out of President TRUMAN's recent proclamation. The questions which he posed are the following:

1. In case of attack, or Chinese communist concentration for attack, against the Chinese Islands, Pachu Islands, Taichen Islands and the Islands in the vicinity of Hong Kong, what would be the attitude of the United States Naval forces in view of the fact that these Islands are west of Formosa Strait?

2. Would it be possible to obtain more clarification regarding the attitude which the Nationalist Government should take regarding its guerrilla forces on the mainland.

Regarding the first question, General Ho said that the outlying islands are garrisoned by some 100,000 Chinese troops and that unless the Nationalist Government is in a position to assist them with naval and air forces in case of attack, the Islands would fall into Communist hands. He wondered, also, whether United States Naval forces would "protect" these Islands in case of attack, basing their authority upon the President's recent statement.

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